

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A clear coated metal sheet, which comprises
a base metal sheet having a metallic surface, and
a clear-paint film formed on said surface directly or over a transparent or translucent under clear coat,

wherein transparent or translucent inorganic flakes coated with one or more transparent or translucent metal oxide layers are dispersed as an interference coloring pigment in said clear paint film and said clear paint film does not reduce the brightness of the base metal sheet the light reflected from the base metal sheet is ~~substantially~~ the same as the light reflected from the base metal sheet having a clear paint film or clear paint film in combination with an under clear coat and/or a top coat.

Claim 2 (Original): The clear coated metal sheet defined by Claim 1, wherein the metal oxide is one or more of TiO_2 , SiO_2 , ZrO_2 , Fe_2O_3 , SnO_2 , Fe_3O_4 , Cr_2O_3 , ZnO and Al_2O_3 .

Claim 3 (Original): The clear coated metal sheet defined by Claim 1, wherein the inorganic flakes are one or more of mica, glass, alumina flakes and silica.

Claim 4 (Original): The clear coated metal sheet defined by Claim 1, wherein the clear-paint film additionally disperses colorless transparent matting grains therein.

Claim 5 (Original): The clear coated metal sheet defined by Claim 4, wherein the matting grains are one or more of silica, glass and synthetic resin beads.

Claim 6 (Original): The clear coated metal sheet defined by Claim 1, wherein the under clear coat optionally disperses a translucent flaky pigment therein.

Claim 7 (Original): The clear coated metal sheet defined by Claim 6, wherein the flaky pigment is one or more of graphite, metal oxides and metal sulfides.

Claim 8 (Original): The clear coated metal sheet defined by Claim 1, wherein the clear-paint film is further coated with a top clear coat, which does not disperse any interference-coloring pigment therein.

Claim 9 (Original): The clear coated metal sheet defined by Claim 8, wherein thickness t_2 of the top clear coat is controlled in relation with thickness t_1 of the clear-paint film with the provision of $t_2/t_1 = 0.4-1.5$.